General Updates

The University System of Maryland Student Council has not met in full since the last meeting of the Chancellor’s Council.

However, both the STEM Funding Workgroup and the Shared Governance Evaluation Workgroup have continued their work. As it stands, the Shared Governance Workgroup has been developing survey questions that will be asked of student leaders at each institution in order to take an inventory of shared governance throughout the System. Additionally, a report of best practices will be produced and presented to the Chancellor’s Council. Furthermore, the Workgroup has been studying how groups with similar missions to the USMSC function in other states.

Additionally, the Council is currently planning for a University System-wide student lobbying day, which is scheduled to take place on February 28th. This day will bring students from each institution to Annapolis to meet with legislators to advance the shared goals of the System. Furthermore, students from each of the institutions that have budget hearings this year have been encouraged to testify at those hearings. I have asked that each student submit his/her testimony to me before the hearing so that I can review it for grammar and to ensure that it is on message.

The next meeting of the USM Student Council will occur in Annapolis, Maryland only February 28th, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairman